

2016 Governor's Awards For Environmental Excellence

Apply Today

Maine DEP and Governor Paul R. LePage invite you to participate in our annual Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence. These awards honor businesses, non-profit organizations, public entities and new ventures for their extraordinary efforts to protect and improve Maine's environment.

We are seeking to recognize applicants with projects and programs born from innovation and collaboration that have resulted in measurable environmental and economic benefits. Successful candidates will be those who are solving environmental challenges through constructive and creative solutions that go beyond standard techniques or regulatory compliance requirements.

Award Categories

Up to five awards will be presented:

- Life Time Achievement - Individual or Group
- Businesses - 3 awards (Small, Medium and Large)
- Community, Public Sector or Nonprofit

Selection Criteria

Points will be given in each of the achievement criteria listed below:

- Innovation
- Environmental Improvements
- Energy Reductions
- Sustainability
- Environmental Stewardship

How to Apply

Please visit our web site to download the application at:

<http://maine.gov/dep>

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Important Dates

- Applications Due - **June 24, 2016**
- Winners Notified - **August 5, 2016**
- Awards Ceremony - **September 2016**

Past Recipients Include

Meadowmere Resort a DEP certified Environmental Leader, won for installing a 48 panel solar hot water system which at peak provides 70 percent of their energy, implementing a property-wide program, and creating a full time position to manage their sustainability initiatives.

The Environmental Living & Learning for Maine Students Project won for creating an aid fund featuring experimental environmental learning and education for nearly 2,000 Maine students. The project was a partnership between the Chewonki Outdoor Classroom for Schools, Ferry Beach Ecology School and the UMaine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond and at Tanglewood (in Lincolnville).

Stonyvale Farm and Agri-Energy won for installing an anaerobic digestion system. This system treats waste produced by 1000 dairy cows and turns it into electricity which is fed back into the power grid. Stonyvale also conducts educational outreach for young people to learn about the future of farming, recycling, an innovative solutions.

INCON engineers in Saco, Maine won for creating and patenting the first and only effective monitoring system for circuit breakers that detects leaks of Sulfur-Hexa-Fluoride (SF6). SF6 the most potent of all greenhouse gases which is used in large circuit breakers throughout the world.

Allagash Brewery won for its wholehearted commitment to environmental responsibility and stewardship by implementing a green approach to waste reduction and diversion strategies and by significant investments to its business model through creation of a metrics system to track its remarkable efforts.

